

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 16, 2012

Minutes

Present:

Mary Madden (NAMI), Dennis Farrell (WCHHS) Board, Kathy Mack (Certified Peer Specialist), Joan Sternweis (Clinical Services Manager), Corrine Gresen (WMH) Lisa McLean (Mental Health Association), Maura McMahon (Public Defender's Office), Marybeth Vander Male (HIL), Dave Freudenthal (NAMI – Waukesha), Kathi Zarwell (CSP Program-guest), Jill Wehse (ACAP-guest), Debra Patterson (ACAP-guest), Marissa Wall (ACAP-guest), Lorraine Lee (ACAP-guest)

Excused:

Chair Troy Norman (Goodwill), James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.), Linda Cole (Friendships), Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC) and Terry Findley (Consumer Advisor)

The meeting was called to order by Mary Madden at 1:34 pm.

Educational Segment: ACAP – Voter Accessibility Project: Presenters were Marissa Wall, Lorraine Lee, Debra Patterson, and Jill Wehse

Adaptive Community Advocate Program (ACAP) is based on helping members learn skills to be productive members of their community. There are many volunteer opportunities with ACAP.

ACAP received a SPARKS grant for the Voter Accessibility Project. An important part of this project is to inform people where to vote and how to vote. They also spoke about the need for a state ID card and how to register to vote. ACAP presenters gave a summary of their voting history. Lorraine said she has voted every year since she was 18 while living with her parents. Now that she is living in a group home she has only been taken to the polls one time; for the 2010 presidential election. It is voluntary for group home providers to allow residents to vote. The plan for the project is to start voting surveys beginning in May to find out the needs of eligible voters, identify their obstacles to vote (transportation, need for state ID), and educate people about absentee ballots. They are also looking for educational opportunities to learn about candidates that do not have a biased view.

Jill questioned the committee for organizations ACAP should present voter information to: care providers or citizens. Suggestions made included: Guardian ad litem's for the county, League of Woman Voters, HHS Board, Friendships Unlimited, Spring City Corner Clubhouse, RSA Conference for CBRFs and group home providers, and subsidize housing facilities. Additional suggestions should be emailed to Marisa Wall (ACAP) – marisa.wall@gmail.com

Review and Approval of October 17, 2011 and November 21, 2012 Minutes:

Dennis Farrell made a motion seconded by Kathy Mack to approve the October 17 and November 21, 2011 minutes as published. No discussion. All voted, unanimous. Approved.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis reported the HHS Board has created their meeting calendar for 2012. The Mental Health Advisory Committee will present unmet needs to the board on February 16 beginning at 1:00 along with Public Health. The Public Hearing has tentatively been scheduled for March 29, 2012. April 9 the HHS

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board will have lunch with County Executive and share the information. This year every member of the board is running for reelection. Some plans may change depending on outcome of the election.

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Legislative – Dennis Farrell

No updates at this time.

2. CCS Coordinator Committee – Mary Madden

This year CCS will be recertified with a new surveyor. There will be an orientation for their new committee members. They have created a new member application process. Job descriptions have been created for secretary, co-chair and committee members. At their next meeting in March everyone will be signing the job description and pledge.

Joan Sternweiss announced that Danielle Birdeau will take over her TSSU supervisor position starting February 13. Danielle is a licensed professional counselor who is currently the director for Transitional Living Services (TLS) Behavior Health in Milwaukee.

3. COP Report – Joan Sternweiss

The COP report will have a lot to discuss at the next meeting because the annual COP plan will be due the last week of February. The state announced they do have some exceptional COP funds available this year and are distributed on a first come-first served-first approved basis. Generally these are one time big cost items such as moving someone from a nursing home to a community setting or start up funds for a young person who has been living with parents and needs additional resources to move to their first apartment etc.

4. Peer Support and Peer Specialist Development Workgroup of Waukesha County – Kathy Mack

Kathy reported the workgroup met January 11, 2012. They continue to brainstorm ideas to disseminate their information; social media, Facebook, and/or website. The first priority at their next meeting is to create rules of order. They also plan to find an information director to oversee the dissemination of training seminars and other information to members.

The workgroup plans to put together information packets of community resources for distribution on inpatient units and are discussing how to distribute and make hospital staff aware the material is available.

For the committee members information Peer Specialist meeting minutes will be distributed electronically along with meeting reminder from Karen Cooper.

5. 2013 Unmet Needs – Joan Sternweiss

Mary passed out 2012 unmet needs recommendations that was distributed to the board last year. Joan reported there has not been any drastic change from year-to-year. The themes have been around maintaining service, programming, agencies and providing adequate funding to maintain 211 and Peer Specialists. Mary, Joan and Troy will meet before the next board meeting to prepare for HHS presentation. This committee will meet 2/13/12 at 1:30 instead of 2/20/12 to review unmet need list for 2013.

Old Business

None

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New Business
None

Other

The next MHAC meeting will be held on February 13, 2012 at 1:30; the regularly schedule meeting on 2/20/12 will be cancelled. Karen will a send notice out ASAP about new meeting date. This meeting will focus on unmet needs and COP plan. There will not be an educational segment that day.

A motion was made by Kathy Mack and seconded by Corrine Gresen to adjourn the meeting. All voted, unanimous. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cooper, Recorder

Minutes were approved *Julie C. Norman* Date *2/13/2012*